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DESTROYER, 13 SHIPS SUNK; HOUSE PASSES PROHIBITION

BAY CITIES CRITICIZE SECRECY ON BRIDGE

Demand Hearing and Are Given Until Tomorrow to Present Case to Col. W. H. Heuer

COUNTY READY TO HELP U. S. IN CASE OF NEED

No Question of Steel Shortage Made in Connection With the Building of Viaduct in S. F.

Alameda and Oakland today took formal action to protest against delay in the construction of the estuary bascule bridge. The city of Alameda will file a formal protest with the United States board of harbor engineers for San Francisco bay. Oakland will make an appeal for prompt action by the government in granting Alameda county permission to go ahead with the bridge and order the steel.

The Oakland city council acted today on the motion of Commissioner of Public Works E. F. Morse. A motion was passed directing Mayor John L. Davie to make the appeal to the federal authorities.

Alameda's decision to take action was made after Colonel W. H. Heuer, consulting engineer of the army board, announced that he was not prepared to grant a public hearing, but that he would give the east bay communities until tomorrow night to present any protests they desired and that he would send these protests along with his report to Washington.

It was intimated today by representatives of the Southern Pacific Company and by others who had been in consultation with Heuer that the attempt to block the construction of the estuary bridge had been successful up to the present time and that Colonel Heuer's report to Washington will favor the plan to defer the construction of the bridge.

WHO STARTED IT?

REMAINS MYSTERY

Mystery still shrouds the question as to who started the move to block the construction of the bridge. President William Sprout of the Southern Pacific Company has announced that the original suggestion came from Washington District Attorney W. H. L. Hyatt admits that the first knowledge he had of it was in the consultation between his office and the Southern Pacific engineering department, preliminary to the sending of the telegram from President Sprout to the Southern Pacific Company to Mark L. Requa at Washington, asking in the action of Requa in inducing Secretary of War Baker to order the investigation by Colonel Heuer.

Requa today replied to a telegram sent him by the OAKLAND TRIBUNE, stating that he had acted after he had received the inquiry from Sprout.

REQUA STRONG IN URGING DELAY

He makes no mention of any previous knowledge in Washington of the question having been raised. Requa strongly advocates the postponement of the construction of the bridge and takes the responsibility for his urgent plea to Secretary of War Baker that such an action be taken.

It was stated by a representative of the Southern Pacific Company that the telegram had been sent to Requa because he was a personal friend of President Sprout. Requa's telegram to the TRIBUNE follows:

"United States is short of steel material for urgent army purposes. Iron and steel for necessary agricultural developments is being refused. Under existing conditions any steel construction that can be postponed should be. We are at war. It is our business to win it. We cannot win it if we attempt to live up to the slogan of business as usual."

I have made recommendations to the secretary of war that construction of the bascule bridge across Oakland harbor be deferred. I made this recommendation on my own responsibility after consulting with the president of the Southern Pacific Company whether they could continue to operate trains over present bridges. The street car and foot-passenger bridge unquestionably will carry its load.

The sooner people of the country wake up to the fact that we

Mexicans Fire on Americans Across Line

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 17.—Mexican federal soldiers fired on an American cavalry patrol which accidentally crossed the border on the "island," near Fabens, Texas, yesterday killing one cavalry horse and wounding another.

The American soldiers returned the fire and one Mexican soldier was seen to fall from his horse. No Americans were hit.

WILL SHIFT HIGH ARMY COMMANDS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Rearrangement of some of the high commands in the war department was indicated today by the detachment of officers designated by Secretary Baker to sit in the department's war council. It became definitely known today that the command of the Panama canal has been offered to succeed Major General Sharp. Provost Marshal General Crowder is the only officer assigned to the war council who will not be detached from his present office.

Brigadier General John D. Barrett, of the Coast Artillery Corps, recently at Camp Upton, has been selected for chief of the coast artillery, succeeding General Weaver.

The three remaining officers are Major General Weaver, chief of coast artillery; Major General Crozier, chief of ordnance, who had been under fire in the Senate investigation and Major General Bliss, chief of staff, who has just returned from abroad, where he participated in the war councils at Paris with Colonel House and the other American delegates.

President Wilson this afternoon sent to the Senate the following nominations of brigadier-generals to be major-generals in the national army: George H. Cameron, Adres B. Brewster, Charles C. Balton, George W. Read, Charles H. Muir, Charles T. Moorer.

The following colonels were nominated to be brigadier-generals in the national army:

Malvern Hill Barnum, cavalry; William H. Hay, cavalry; Jesse Mc. Carter, cavalry.

The President also nominated Colonel Alexander Dade to be brigadier-general in the signal corps.

William J. Duval of Kansas was nominated to be explosives inspector of the state of Kansas.

Sacramento In, Portland Out of League

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Sacramento was voted into the Pacific Coast League today at the annual meeting of the directors, taking Portland's place.

A system of single umpires instead of double, as at present, was adopted as one of the war-time measures.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Directors of the Pacific Coast League met here today for their annual meeting with the expected transfer of Portland's franchise to Sacramento as the matter of chief interest. Salary limits, possible war time economies, shortening of the playing season, trades of players and other matters were under informal discussion by the directors before the meeting.

C. A. ("Spider") Baum, San Francisco pitcher, is being sought as manager of the proposed Sacramento team according to Henry Berry, San Francisco. He said Baum would be glad to go and terms were being discussed.

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CONCORD, N. C., Dec. 17.—Gaston R. Means was acquitted here of a charge of slaying Mrs. Maude A. King, the wealthy New York and Chicago widow.

WETS, DRY'S WAGE WORD BATTLE IN CONGRESS

Gompers Takes Stand in Favor of Liquor; Both Sides Claim the Victory by Small Margins

VOTE TO BE TAKEN ON ISSUE AT 5 O'CLOCK

Representative Webb Says Amendment Will Carry; Opposition Pleads State Rights

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Prohibition carried, 282 to 128.

By a vote of 122 to 107 the House this afternoon refused to exempt beer and wine from the operation of nationwide prohibition in the resolution about to be voted upon was passed. A viva voce vote was then registered on the resolution providing the submission to the states of the prohibition amendment to the constitution, but was not conclusive and the roll call was ordered.

The Senate passed the amendment at the last session.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Both wets and drys predicted victory today when the House launched into a six-hour debate which is to close at 5 o'clock this afternoon on the proposed constitutional amendment.

The drys admitted that the wetts had been gaining strength for several days, but claimed twenty votes to spare over the necessary two-thirds.

The wets gave no figures and predicted the defeat of the resolution by a narrow but safe margin.

Although the resolution also has passed the Senate, it will not be out of the woods with passage by the House, for it has been amended and if the House passed it today, it would be necessary for the Senate to vote again on the changes.

The House committee has amended the resolution to provide that the states must act on its ratification within seven years while the Senate specified six.

GALLERIES PACKED WITH FOLLOWERS

At 3 o'clock Representative Webb, in charge of the prohibition fight, predicted adoption of the amendment by from 10 to 25 more than the necessary votes. Representative Byer, Missouri, one of the leaders against it, claimed the prohibitionists would lose by eight or ten votes.

The attack on Gompers was taken up by Cooper, Ohio.

"It is a bold-faced lie," he shouted, "to say labor in this country is opposed to prohibition. Youngstown, Akron and Columbus, labor centers, in my state, voted dry at the recent election. The state went wet because of the ability of some prospectors in Hamilton county, to 'find things' and at the last moment they found one thousand wet votes. Leave out Cincinnati and Hamilton county, the wettest section of the United States, and Ohio and the labor centers in it were overwhelmingly dry."

Garde, Ohio, opening for the opposition, sounded the keynote for the wetts. State's rights and war harmony would be injured by raising the national prohibition issue in the various states at this time, said Garde.

He pleaded against "prostituting the constitution," by grafting upon it purely political powers belonging under state jurisdiction.

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Germany Prepares Terms of Peace to Submit to Allies

BULLETIN.
(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Information received here today among neutral diplomats agrees with intimations from abroad that Germany is considering another offer of peace.

(By United Press.)

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 17.—Germany will shortly transmit peace terms to the allies through neutrals and under pledge of secrecy, according to word from Berlin today.

Reports declared the peace terms would assert "Germany's political disinterestedness as to Belgium, but would not mention Alsace-Lorraine." Whether they would cover the German colonies or future disarmament and indemnities for damages in Belgium and Northern France was not known here.

Major-General Blames Congress for America's Unpreparedness; Hot Colloquy

AMERICAN FIELD GUNS SIMILAR TO FRENCH 75

Report Says Manufacture of Large Caliber Artillery Will Necessarily Be Very Slow

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS
LEASED WIRE TO TRIBUNE

TOKYO, Dec. 17.—Conditions in America are becoming intolerable and American Ambassador Francis is advising Americans to leave according to American refugees arriving here today.

Food supplies throughout Russia are becoming so scarce as to suggest an approaching famine. Unrest and internecine strife have torn the nation. All Americans who possibly have are arranging to do so.

One hundred and sixty-seven Americans are now awaiting passage out of Petrograd by the Trans-Siberian railway via Japan and China.

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The executive committee of the Workmen's and Soldiers' Delegates, by a vote of 150 to 104, today approved a decree declaring the constitutional Democrats enemies of the people. The peasants' congress, by a vote of 260 to 321, denounced the arrest of members of the Constituent Assembly.

Trotsky, the Bolshevik Foreign Minister, in an address to his opponents, answered, "and we are not going to be slowed up in this war in the slightest degree on account of rifles."

APPROPRIATIONS WERE SPENT IN ADVANCE

"Frankly now, general, there is too much red tape, isn't there?" Senator Hitchcock asked.

"Yes, there is," replied Crozier.

"Well, how can it be eliminated?"

"For one thing, Congress could have taken our word for this lump appropriation afterward," replied Crozier.

How prospective appropriations by Congress were anticipated was reflected by General Crozier. For instance, he said, orders were placed for nine million rounds of ammunition early last year, before any funds were available. He declared how many new factories that had never made gun forgings were given large contracts to increase ordnance production.

"We have placed orders of more than \$1,500,000 since the war began," General Crozier explained, citing the magnitude of operations.

Senator Wadsworth asked whether the government should have an officer of department similar to England's minister of munitions.

My own belief is that the better way is to enlarge and strengthen existing organizations rather than create new ones," General Crozier replied.

General Hitchcock said that it seemed there was an unusual length of time between appropriations and deliveries, and asked whether the war department had considered any "speeding up" plans.

"We think, and I think the country thinks that there has been too much red tape, too much red tape, too much circumlocution in the department," said Senator Hitchcock. "Has any effort been made to shorten the process?"

LACK OF R. R. FACILITIES MAY HAVE HAD HAND

There would have been plenty of sugar in the east this fall, Spreckels maintained, if stocks held by Rojpa's company and the Western Refining Company had been allowed to be shipped.

H. Curtis Lindley, counsel for the food administration, suggested that the committee ask if lack of railroad facilities were not the cause of the non-shipment.

Before the question could be put, a recess was announced.

Spreckels said that if sugar prices are left to themselves, they will decline next year. He testified the Hoover sugar committee has already decided on a price for Cuban sugar three-quarters of a cent a pound higher to the refiner than the price

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Frankly admitting there is too much red tape, General Crozier, chief of ordnance, today again placed the bulk of the blame on Congress.

A hot colloquy followed in the Senate public committee, with members taking Crozier to task for continually blaming Congress for America's unpreparedness.

Crozier, resuming his testimony before the military affairs committee, declared that Congress had a war department estimate of \$2,900,000,000 on April 5, the day before war was declared.

"We didn't get the money until June 15," said Crozier. "We had a lump sum estimate which we asked authority to spend under direction of the President. Congress demanded detailed estimates. That's where a great deal of time was lost."

SAYS EXPLANATION WILL NOT SATISFY COUNTRY

"But you had millions of dollars left of appropriations made before," interrupted Chairman Chamberlain. "I have not been entirely satisfied with an explanation made of this matter. For instance, if you had money appropriated for machine guns and you have not got the guns yet, we appropriated for small arms and you spent the money for pistols instead of rifles."

"We were far shorter of pistols than rifles," General Crozier answered. "And we are not going to be slowed up in this war in the slightest degree on account of rifles."

The committee after considering the request in executive session, went on with the questioning of Claus A. Spreckels, president of the Federal Sugar Refining Company, one of the food administrators' chief critics.

Without announcing any decision, Hoover left the committee room.

JURY HEARS LECTURE IN MURDER CASE

Bridge Hearing Is Demanded East Bay Will Issue Protest

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are fighting a life and death struggle and that every ounce of energy should be diverted to absolutely essential channels the better off will we all be.

CRITICISE METHOD OF KEEPING IT DARK

Criticism of the methods used to block the construction of the estuary bridge at the secrecy which covers the proceedings leading to this end, which started in Colton Heuer having virtually compelled us to report before anybody in Alameda county was aware that a movement to delay the bridge was under way, was expressed by public officials and heads of civic and industrial bodies today. Supervisors, city officials of Oakland and Alameda, and others, expressed surprise that they had been kept in the dark as to the plans.

COUNTY READY TO AID U.S.

The general tenor of all the statements was that Alameda county would gladly waive the construction of the bridge if the use of the steel could in any way work a decided advantage to the plans of government.

But that while private enterprises were using steel, and other public utilities being given priority orders for steel, there should be a definite request for such a waiver by Alameda county from the government, and not merely action of a railroad company and of any single individual.

It was pointed out that the San Francisco harbor commission has just received bids for the steel work for the viaduct across the Embarcadero, that these bids were lower than was expected, and that no question should be raised by the government concerning the cost of the bridge.

It was also pointed out that interest on some \$200,000 of the bonds for the bridge is already running against the county of Alameda, and that suits for the rights of way are ready to be filed.

The formal protest in behalf of the city of Alameda is being prepared by City Manager Charles E. Hewes and City Attorney A. F. St. Sure. Speaking of the bridge delay, City Manager Hewes said:

"I conferred with Colonel Heuer. He told me that he was not disposed to grant public funds to the people of this side of the bay on the question of deferring construction of the bridge, but that he would give the city of Alameda till tomorrow night to file its protest, and that he would send the protest along to Washington with his report."

"Colonel Heuer did not state what his report would be, but I gained the impression that he would be inclined to recommend in favor of the delay."

DELAY INNIMICAL TO U.S. GOVERNMENT

"Delay at this time is absolutely inimical, in my opinion, not only to the interests of Alameda and Oakland, but to those of the United States government. The great shipyards on the estuary, both on the Alameda and Oakland side, are turning out ships for the government."

The federal engineers advised that these old estuary drawbridges are an obstruction to navigation and a menace to shipping, and we know that they are so. Not only that, but material for the Union Iron Works has to be brought over this drawbridge, and trains are frequently held up and delayed by the needs of water traffic. Alameda is ready to forego for the time being the construction of the bridge, if this is necessary as a war measure. But we do not want to have it delayed merely for the Southern Pacific Company."

A representative of the engineering department of the Southern Pacific Company stated that he had been in consultation with Colonel Heuer, and that he understood that any protests from the east bay communities would be received by Heuer and sent with his report. He also gave the impression that Heuer was ready to report adversely concerning the construction of the bridge at this time.

A movement is on foot to have Alameda county immediately apply to the priority committee of the United States War Industries Board for a priority for the steel necessary for the Oakland estuary bridge.

It is understood that this action must be taken, no matter what report Colonel Heuer may make to Washington.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ISSUES STATEMENT

From District Attorney Hynes to-day came the following statement of the part his office has played in the matter:

"Whereas, the winning of the world war depends to a large degree upon the proper distribution of food:

"Whereas, the food administration of our government has requested the people of our nation to observe once a week a meatless, wheatless day; be it

"Resolved, That this organization demands that every man, woman and child be affected by these orders shall at once conform to the instructions of the food administration, and we call upon all citizens to aid in the enforcement of these laws."

The next meeting of the league will be held in the Oakland Auditorium Friday evening, December 21, at 8:15 o'clock, when the final plan of organization will be submitted.

FUGITIVE CAUGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Prostet A. McFarland, former record room clerk at the Immigration Service of Angel Island, and who was indicted some months ago for forging, altering and removing government records and who fled after making a full confession to Assistant United States Attorney Casper Oriburam, was arrested after a six months' search today in Cosmopolis, Washington, by Inspector Thomas Fisher of Seattle. McFarland will be brought back to San Francisco, where his trial with the others indicted, who include a score of attorneys and employees of the immigration service who are said to have grafted \$100,000 a year in a huge conspiracy to bring Chinese into the country in evasion of the exclusion law.

PLAN EXTENSION

That there has been expended by Alameda county on their lease on the western waterfront to date \$72,105 and that \$20,000 more will be spent was reported to the city council today by K. M. Senningsen, engineer for the company. These improvements revert to the city at the expiration of the lease.

WIDESPREAD DEMAND TO RUSH NEW SPAN

The following interview, added to those printed Saturday and Sunday in THE TRIBUNE, show the widespread demand by officials and prominent men in Alameda county that there shall be no unnecessary delay in the bridge plans.

W. J. HAMILTON
Newly Appointed Alameda County Supervisor.

"Delay in the construction of the estuary bridge means delay in government work. There is the gravest necessity for the construction of a new bridge. To defer it would mean holding up government work and holding up the development of Alameda and Oakland."

"There should be a public hearing at which those who have information as to the facts might be given

and opportunity to present this information. This community will suffer heavily in the building of the bridge is deferred."

JOHN F. MULLINS
Supervisor of Alameda County.

"There is no question in my mind that the absolute necessity for the immediate construction of the new bascule bridge over the Alameda estuary. Delay in this matter can result only in the retardation of the development of commerce for our city and county. The industries along the estuary should be encouraged and assisted in their progress rather than hindered by inadequate water service. The present bridges are menaces to navigation in my opinion and barriers in the path of advancement. I am absolutely and unequivocally in favor of construction of the proposed new bridge at the earliest possible date."

DR. L. F. HERRICK
President of the Taxpayers' League of Alameda County.

"The citizens of Alameda county have exercised themselves very definitely in favor of a new bridge over the estuary. The winning of the naval base by Alameda will more than triple the traffic over the estuary, which already is over-burdened. The industrial development along the estuary, notably in shipbuilding plants, is doubling, and more than doubling, the traffic through these bridges."

"It is essential, not only to Alameda county, but to the war purposes of the United States, that there should be no delay in the building of an adequate bridge. It is astonishing that anybody in this county should seek to have the government countenance such a delay."

JOHN L. DAVIE
Mayor of Oakland.

"The federal experts condemned the old bridges as an obstruction to navigation more than a year ago. The condition that existed then has become more grave today."

"I believe that the people of this community are strongly opposed to any delay in building the bridge, and that they will not tolerate such a delay unless it is at the direct request of the war department and as a patriotic measure."

"A public hearing would show the damage the industrial concerns along the estuary would suffer from unnecessary delay."

F. F. MORSE
Commissioner of Public Works of Oakland.

"Apparently this thing has been going on while the people of Alameda county have been asleep. Suddenly we wake up to find that a railroad and one or two individuals have brought the bridge matter to such a pass without our knowledge and without consulting the responsible officials or the public, that the whole bridge matter may be held up. There is no indication that the original request came from Washington."

"The committees interested should demand an open and public hearing on the matter, and should see that there is no misrepresentation of the attitude of this county. So far as I can learn, the people are a unit in favor of the immediate construction of the bridge."

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E. J. PROBST
City Councilman, Alameda.

"The only excuse that would justify the holding up of work on the estuary bridge would be the dire need of the government for steel. That need would have to be so great that the War Department would be willing to leave navigation obstructions in the channel, which have been condemned as industrial retardations. The Union Iron Works alone needs the better bridge service, not to mention scores of other concerns."

W. H. NOY
City Councilman of Alameda.

"The people were jubilant at getting the naval base. They are certainly against any effort to hold up operations on the estuary bridge, which means opening a rapid channel to and from the naval base. Efforts to hold this work are not reflective of the general sentiment of the community. The expenditure of \$100,000 per month or less is a small amount in comparison to the good that will accrue."

F. F. JACKSON
Commissioner of Public Health and Safety of Oakland.

"Hundreds of laborers in the Union Iron Works now have to cross the estuary daily, and there will be thousands more when the Pacific naval base is being completed. The present drawbridges have been inadequate to the needs of transportation for years and should be removed. No delay should be tolerated."

A. I. D. BIG DRIVE

A subscription of \$14 was donated by employees of Kahn Brothers drygoods store to the Catholic War Work Camp Fund. The "Big-4," which closed in Oakland last Thursday, totaled more than \$40,000 and contributions are still coming in. The total amount given by employees is the largest single subscription since the first day of the campaign.

W. H. NOY
All the year, all the family will be glad of Christmas Gifts from

The Curtain Store
520 THIRTEENTH ST.

Free Meeting!
Wednesday, December 19, 8 P. M.
ROBIN J. FLYNN
will relate personal experiences on the battle front in France and tell of the needs of

THE RED CROSS

Mr. Flynn was in active service at the front for thirteen months with the first ambulance unit of the field service.

There should be a public hearing at which those who have information as to the facts might be given

POSTMASTER FIRES STORE, KILLS SELF

After setting fire to the building in which the postoffice and his small candy store was housed, A. H. Nelson, postmaster at Oakley, Contra Costa county, this morning entered the building and blew out his brains. The body was found by Mrs. G. Rezester, his assistant, who, hearing the report of his revolver, hurried to investigate. The fire was extinguished with but little damage.

Nelson, according to friends, had been despondent since the death of his wife a year ago. Deputy Coroner George Schaefer of Brentwood, who has charge of the case, believes that brooding over his loss may have rendered the man temporarily insane. The books of the postoffice are now being audited to ascertain if a shortage may have been the cause of the suicide.

Nelson had been postmaster at Oakley for some years, but of late had been engaged in government work in Berkeley, traveling there every day and leaving his office in the care of his assistant and 12-year-old son, Roland. Today he started for Berkeley as usual but missed his train, and after loitering at the station for a time returned to his office. The suicide followed.

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SPY STEALS WAR SECRETS FROM BRITISH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—A German spy entered and robbed the British war mission's offices in the Ministry building here, according to a theory under official investigation today.

A key to the mission's private United States postoffice box is the principal article missing. It was an "inside job," according to detectives.

An iron gate reaching from the marble floor to the ceiling has been erected at the entrance and all locks in the suite and to adjacent offices have been changed. Under locks and bars in the mission's offices is the most important army and navy information in existence outside of England. American military secrets which constantly figure in the vital negotiations of this government and Great Britain also are locked up in the mission's archives. Entry to these rooms would be a paradise to a German spy.

British officials, however, deny that any information of value was taken. The occurrence is worrying British officials, particularly in view of recent discovery of a carrier pigeon in the mission's offices. Its presence has never been satisfactorily explained.

An air of added mystery is added by the fact that another pigeon is reported to have been discovered in the offices of Howard Coffin, chairman of the United States aircraft production board.

HOLD-UP PUZZLE

Whether he was held up at the point of a revolver by two soldiers or two men masquerading as soldiers is a question over which Clarence W. Waugh of Palo Alto is pondering today. He reported to the police that he was accosted at Jackson and Lake streets, searched at the point of a revolver held in a trembling hand and that twenty-five cents was taken from him. The highwayman overlooked a watch and larger sum of money, Waugh says.

A happy year for all the family. Christmas Gifts from

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Terms of Russian Armistice Teuton Plan Is Outlined

PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—Terms of the Russo-German armistice, according to a statement issued here, obligate no transfer of troops until January 14, no increase of troops on the front or on the islands in the Moon Sound, or a re-grouping of forces.

The Germans are not to concentrate troops between the Black Sea and the Baltic east of the fifteen degree of longitude. Intercourse between the two may be allowed from sunrise to sunset.

Groups are limited to 25 persons at a time, who may exchange newspapers and unsealed mail, and who may carry on trade and exchange articles of prime necessity.

A special agreement will be made by the naval general staff regarding the extension of the armistice to the White Sea and the Russian coast in the Arctic.

It is agreed also that attacks on war and commercial vessels must stop in these regions, in order to avoid attacks in other seas.

The armistice on the naval front embraces all of the Black Sea and the Baltic Sea east of the meridian 15 degrees east of Greenwich. The demarcation line fixed for the Black Sea is from the Hightown or Slinka to the estuary of the Danube to Capo Garos.

LINE IN BALTIC.

In the Baltic the line runs from Riga to the western coast of Worms Island and to the Island of Bagher, to Khegome.

Russian war vessels must not cross south of this line, and the other parties must not go north. The Russian government guarantees that theente war vessels will obey the rules of this provision and that Russian warships will not be allowed to sail among the islands.

SEATTLE AFTER SOLDIER BOYS

JERUSALEM IS TOPIC OF PASTORS

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—In an effort to lift the ban on soldiers visiting Seattle placed by Major General Greene, commanding Camp Lewis, American Lake, Wash., Seattle's new chief of police, Joseph Warren, today shook up the police department from the ground up. The most important changes include the replacing of Inspector Michael Powers by Captain Claude Bannick, former chief; Captain D. F. Willard, in charge of an outlying district, was brought to the central station and placed in charge in place of Captain W. H. Searing; Detective Sergeant W. B. Kent was relieved of his office and Detective H. Benton placed in charge of the detective bureau.

The capture of Jerusalem was the general theme in the churches yesterday and this topic was connected with the general thought of the omnipresence of God. The impending rule of a universal spirit in our world was the general theme of Rev. Bernard C. Ruggles of the church of the Universal Christ yesterday in Hotel Oakland. Rev. Ruggles said in part:

AT TEMPLE SINAI.

"Maccabean Torch Bearers of Light and Truth" was the title of Dr. Franklyn's sermon of last Sabbath morning at Temple Sinai. At the lighting of the Hamelkoh candle he emphasized particularly the light motif of the service of Maccabees, as related to the whole story in symbol, historical association, and faithful observance throughout the ages, as a symphony. Yet, the very discord of the opposing elements, the ideals of Mattathias brings out all the more the Maccabean harmony.

The Little festival candle represents the faith of the minority against the world majority. The Little lights tell the story of the constant efforts of the minority followed up by teacher prophet and sage to establish the reign of justice on earth.

"Light shines but forget not that they speak the truth that God's best is to be realized on earth, when the servant light illuminates not merely the eight tapers, but the whole household of humanity. May this time not be far distant."

TRAITORS TO GOD AND MAN.

"The capture of Jerusalem would seem to be the divine sign that Germany will lose the war. This may be prolonged, but in the end Germany will take the course of divine judgment," said Rev. F. M. Sisley at the First Presbyterian church, Oakland, last night in discussing "What about God?" during the "Living War Times." Continuing his talk,

"There is much flagrant wrong-doing during war-times. Many civilians over here are living for pleasure, excitement and sensation. The soldiers over there are dying over there. Even the war has not shamed voluntary. If the war has served to make some economy, others are spending lavishly in mere selfish enjoyment, while Belgians and Serbians are starving. Records show a sum of \$100 on a wedding, while Belgian children cry for bread. If the chastisement of war has served to make some better it has also provoked the beast in others."

"The world is in a state of anarchy and its prostration, and yet seeks to dynamite American property or American troopers is no longer a man."

"Perhaps the worst species of wrongdoing is the loss of the religion of Christ, and a war-time view of God is only fragmentary that does not predicate God as a God of inexorable justice who holds individuals as well as nations to a strict account."

Rev. John Stephens, D. D., at the First Methodist Episcopal church, Sunday evening, spoke last night in part as follows:

"The British capture of Jerusalem sent a thrill through the heart of all Christendom. It is cause for rejoicing when any portion of the world is delivered from the dominion of the Turk. It is cause for more especially when a country of such sacred memories as Palestine is set free. If these stirring events should lead to the establishment of a Jewish republic in the land of the fathers, it will well be that the gloomy predictions of their great prophets may have a literal fulfillment. It remains true, however, that the New Testament seeks to transfer the interest of its readers to the coming of the Kingdom of God, which is to be established in all the earth, and is to bring with it righteousness and peace for every land."

"The great thing to be looked for is not that the world may become nations to be permeated with the spirit of that gospel which went out from Jerusalem."

THEOSOPHICAL SOCIETY.

At the regular last evening, Mrs. Wetmore spoke in part as follows:

"The song Celestial or Bhavagad-Gita is an episode in the Mahabharata, the greatest epic on earth. It is the story of the great war which took place on the plains of Kurukshetra, India, 5000 years ago, when the mighty Kshatriya cast met its fate; the beginning of the decline of the mighty Indian civilization. Although the setting of the poem is a historical event, it is chiefly allegorical, representing the battle between the higher self and the dark powers that chain the personality to things material."

SUBJECT TO GROUP.

"Our little girl is subject to frequent attacks of group," writes F. O. Strong, Campbell. Can't always give her Chamomile tea though. This is a fair dose of it cures her. "This is a fair remedy for group, as it can be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. It contains no narcotic. For sale by Osgood Bros. Drug Stores.—Advertisement."

GERMAN RADIO

RELAYS PLOTS

OPTIMISM IS NOTE OF HOUSE ENVOYS

HONOLULU, Dec. 17.—While her band was playing lively tunes to drown out the telltale sounds, the wireless apparatus of the German submarine Geier, interned in this harbor, relayed messages between German agents in the United States and Japan in furtherance of a plot to embroil the two countries in war, according to an article appearing in the "Star-Bulletin."

The armistice shall begin on December 4 (Sunday) at 1 o'clock in the morning, to continue until January 1 (Sunday). The contracting parties have the right to break the armistice by giving seven days' notice. Unless notice is given the armistice automatically comes into effect.

LAND IN ARMISTICE.

The armistice embraces the land and aerial forces on the front from the Baltic to the Black Sea and also the Russo-Turkish front in Asia Minor. During the armistice the parties concerned obligate themselves not to increase the number of troops on the above fronts, or on the Islands in the Sound, or to make a permanent peace.

"Neither side is to make operative any transfers of units from the Baltic-Black Sea front until January 1 (Sunday), excepting those begun before the agreement is signed. They oblige themselves not to concentrate troops on parts of the Black Sea or Baltic Sea east of 15 degrees of longitude east of Greenwich.

"The line of demarcation on the European front is the first line of defense. The space between will be neutral. The navigable rivers will be neutral, their navigation being forbidden except for the passage of supplies."

"German secret agent known as 'K-17' was said in the diary to have aided in the translation of these messages, and also to have advised the German government of the sailing times of Danish vessels from here and elsewhere."

KIRES BROTHER.

MODESTO, Dec. 17.—Peter Servetti, 9 years old, shot and killed his eight-year-old brother Sam yesterday while trying to shoot a bird.

RED LODGE CHARGE.

RED LODGE, Mont., Dec. 17.—Frank Annerer, charged with killing his wife, was found not guilty by a jury.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The military and naval heads of the House mission to the allied conference in Paris brought home with them optimistic reports. They believed the sentiment of General Pershing that "we're going to break the German line with an human wedge." Colonel House is expected here tomorrow to report to the President.

But they brought back a new conception of the task which faces America. Not only was the military and naval problem thoroughly canvassed at the inter-allied conference, but the resources of the allies were eliminated in the minutest detail. It was reported here last night that the conference had decided that the United States must come forward with even larger numbers of men and ships in the immediate future.

"General Bliss voiced the optimism of the mission. He said:

"The British and French armies and people are more determined than ever. There is no thought any place of quitting before victory. And our boys are in the same state of mind. Every one feels that the victory must come."

"I am certain that this determination is felt equally among the English, French, Italian and United States forces."

"We all know what is taking place in Russia. But the very fact that the committee in charge of the festivities has not been defected, nor is it temporary, and that the allies are proceeding just as if there had been no such event, only emphasizes the view that nothing can prevent the eventual success of the entente against Germany."

"The morale of the troops of all the armies is better than ever before."

THE MORALE OF THE TROOPS.

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WAR STAMP IS URGED AS BONUS FOR CHRISTMAS

In place of war coins and currency which will not be available for holiday purposes this year, the Treasury Department at Washington, through John S. Drum, State Director of War Savings, suggests the use of War Savings Stamps as a part of every Christmas bonus. Drum issued a statement yesterday addressed to all employers and others accustomed to giving bonuses at the holiday season, asking them to include one War-Savings Stamp in every envelope.

"Whoever receives a War-Saving Certificate for Christmas," said Drum yesterday, "can either convert it into cash at the nearest postoffice or add it to its savings. The widespread use of these stamps and certificates as Christmas gifts will start thousands on the road to saving, and will bring home to every recipient the knowledge that the government needs his or her help in the war."

"Save and Start Someone Else Saving" is the Christmas slogan of the War-Savings campaign.

CAMP CHRISTMAS

Company I, 363rd Infantry, stationed at Camp Lewis, is planning a regular Christmas with a real Santa Claus coming down the wide chimney on Christmas Eve. In a formal ceremony the committee in charge of the festivities has invited those who have relatives or friends in the company to whom they are sending Christmas remembrances address the packages in care of the company commander to be held for the holiday party.

The company has a recreation room fifty by seventy-five feet, equipped with billiard table, punching bag, reading and writing materials, where may be found the company tailor, barber and restorer. The piano is on the way. The stage is already constructed with the chimney, and this week the hills will be raided for the evergreens and holly.

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NEW SNOW ADDS FUEL SUFFERERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The coal shortage problem seems to have been solved a fresh fall change here today placed a serious obstacle in the path of relief.

"The relief plan which the coal-mining authorities count on to increase the 25,000 tons regular supply by another 25,000 tons, resulted a serious setback as a result of the change in weather conditions.

More than 75,000 tons of coal are at the waterfront terminals of New Jersey, but labor and barges cannot be obtained to move it with satisfaction, Jesup said. Despite the storm, however, fuel officials hope to bring 20,000 tons of coal across North River during the day.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—To keep coal production at a maximum, mine administrator Garfield is preparing to appeal to operators and miners to forego the usual Christmas and New Year's holiday. Every idle day in the mines costs the country nearly 2,000,000 tons of fuel.

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DOUGHBOY TO COME INTO HIS OWN

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 17.—Apparently the humble doughboy is coming into his own in this war. A promotion scheme has been outlined at headquarters in conformity with a recent general order from Washington which paves the way for rapid advancement for men from the ranks who display ability for higher commands.

Arrangements are already made whereby non-commissioned officers who look like they are made of officer timber will be sent to the army candidates' school on recommendation from their superior officers. If they make good they will be assigned to vacancies as second lieutenants in replacement divisions, advancing later to combat divisions, where promotion may be expected to be rapid in the event of heavy casualties among the officers.

In order to have sufficient officers in readiness at all times no limit is placed upon the number of second lieutenants in replacement divisions, it being recommended that they have at least three times as many as combat divisions.

Under the new general order divisional and other unit commanders are to consider "only fighting efficiency units" in recommending temporary appointments for promotion to line officers.

All recommendations must be submitted to the commander-in-chief for approval.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Seventeen enlisted men of the United States Army engineer corps were reported missing in action by General Pershing in a despatch to the War Department. They were missing on November 30, the day of the German turning movement at Cambrai, and are believed to have fallen into the hands of the Germans while fighting valiantly with the engineer contingent which distinguished itself helping the British to check the attack.

The missing men are:

Sergeant Paul M. Swenson, New York City.

Corporal Frank Upton, New York City.

Private Solomon Goldwetter, New York City.

Private George H. J. Seaman, New York City.

Private Dalton Ranlett, New York City.

Private Charles Geoghegan, New York City.

Private Frank Brooke, New York City.

Private Ulrich Maney, New York City.

Private Michael Dina, New York City.

Private Harold T. Andrews, Portland, Maine.

Private Alphonson J. McGrath, Chestnut Hill, Mass.

Private Myron Van de Mark, New Paltz, N. Y.

Private John Lally, Goldey Bridge, New York.

Private Luke A. Loveley, South Amboy, N. J.

Private Harry J. Mason, Jersey City.

Private Herbert F. Ueltz, Newark, N. J.

DESIGNS 'WAR PEN'

E. A. Van Wyen, chief clerk of the Southern Pacific's Pay Check Bureau, has designed a "war pen" to facilitate his work.

Van Wyen has the unique task of signing approximately 100,000 pay checks per month. The rush of war work has caused time to be the most precious commodity dealt in by the Southern Pacific. Also every department has been compelled to devise means of settling the time of help.

So Van Wyen harnessed five fountains together in such a way that he could sign five separate checks at the same time. He purposed to add a pen for every clerk who leaves him to go to war. He is now signing 2000 checks an hour and not worrying.

BURGLARS BUSY

Burglars have been active throughout the city and in Piedmont during the last twenty-four hours, according to reports made to the police today.

E. L. Branch of 33 York Drive lost \$200 in silverware when his home was entered during the absence of the family. Delphinea Monk of 135 Greenbank avenue reports that burglars ransacked the house and obtained \$150 worth of valuables. Mrs. J. J. Eaton of 1520 Union street, lost jewelry and silverware and Fred A. Broadwell of 139 Grand avenue was visited by burglars who took jewelry and clothing.

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"DO YOUR BEST," IS URGED ON PEOPLE OF U.S.

That the British war slogan "do your bit" is inadequate and inappropriate for this country and is tending to slow up effort on the part of many of the people is the growing conviction of those connected here with the Federal food administration for California.

In England to do one's "bit" implies the carrying through of an undertaking to its accomplishment. In the United States, and on the Pacific coast in particular, the general conception of a bit is a relatively small thing. It is a term applied to 12½ cents.

"A bit" conveys the idea of a small piece or a morsel, and probably has a wrong psychological effect on the people," said Ralph P. Merritt, Federal Food Administrator for California.

The millionaire who buys a few thousand dollars worth of Liberty Bonds has done his "bit" but certainly he has failed by a long margin in doing his best.

"If this, the world's greatest crisis, does not call for the best efforts of the American people, then certainly there never will come a time when it can be demanded of them. To do one's bit may mean anything or relatively nothing. It gives the people no measure of what is expected of them. The nation is calling for the best efforts of its citizens. Every man or woman, honest with themselves, knows whether or not they are doing their best.

"It would be well for the American people to forget about 'their bit' and do their best."

GYPSY GETS \$200; HELD FOR TRIAL

After handing over \$200 to Mary Adams, a gypsy fortune teller, to pay for a magic cure for stomach trouble, Mrs. Francesca Camotto of 1123 Ninety-second avenue complained to the police that she had been molested with the result that the gypsy woman is under arrest on a charge of grand larceny and the \$200 is being held as evidence until the case comes up in court on January 9. In the meantime Mrs. Camotto is beseaching the authorities to return to her the money she parted with so easily.

Upon request of Chief of Police Nedderman the city council today revoked the license held by Mary Adams for conducting her fortune-telling establishment at 9½ Broadway, with the understanding that she be not again permitted to practice her craft in Oakland.

Complaint made by B. J. Wright of 1117 Castro street that while he was visiting the gypsy he lost \$20 resulted in the amount being recovered for him by Inspectors McSorley and Powers. No complaint was made in the case, Wright being content to get his money back, but the gypsy is held on credit.

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DROUGHT SERIOUS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Serious conditions in the western Livestock Industry owing to drought were cited by Representative Ebel, North Dakota, in introducing a bill today appropriating \$50,000,000 for government purchase of livestock feed to be resold to farmers at cost and on credit.

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LETTER THAN NOTHING.

Under the plan proposed in the Walsh leasing bill, in the final form in which it is now before Congress, for promoting the development of mineral and oil lands, considerable relief will accrue to California oil operators, but not all they believe they are rightfully entitled to. Secretary of the Navy Daniels persists in his refusal to countenance consideration of the established private rights within the two large tracts of land withdrawn from entry as naval oil reserves, and the naval reserves are exempted from the terms of the proposed law.

Thus in the sixth year of Mr. Daniels' successful efforts to block mineral land development in the West, Congress proposes to mitigate the very harmful obstruction by legislating around Mr. Daniels. He will be permitted to override the law and private rights in the naval reserves, but Congress will permit itself to consider other matters of general public interest in connection with the natural resources. It is not a situation in which Congress may take special pride, but is partially redeemed by the prospect that the normal processes in the development of national resources is not to be delayed entirely.

But in spite of the spectacle of Congress and of thousands of people and great industries yielding to the arbitrariness of an individual for over five years, the prospect of action of any kind is gratifying: If the leasing bill goes through it will bring a medium of relief to the greater part of the oil interests of California that have been blocked during all this period by bureaucratic interference. One operator estimates roughly that ninety percent of the contested claims may take advantage of the leasing system. Such claimants as are affected by the exclusion of the naval reserves may still press their claims in the courts.

The net result of the passage of the leasing bill therefore will be to inform the oil operators as to the different courses open to them. If they wish to insist upon the right to patent for their claims they can appeal to the courts, or they may waive their claims and operate under the leasing system, paying a royalty to the government. This is a great improvement upon the almost criminal prohibition to development and operation the government's long delay has constituted.

While California has in a measure been thrown over to the temper of Mr. Daniels, the promised settlement is "better than nothing."

LATIN AMERICAN SENTIMENT.

Prof. Charles L. Chapman of the Department of Latin American history at the University of California is of the opinion that all the republics of Central and South America, with the possible exception of Colombia and Venezuela, will be drawn into the war on the side of the United States if the conflict lasts two years longer.

Although being absolutely free of any desire to see nations at war for the mere sake of fighting other nations, one cannot help recognizing that it is the best thing, the one saving thing, for every nation to know its perils. If assault impends from a ruthless foreign power, threatening the national honor and integrity, which leaves war as the only alternative, an intelligent government and people ought to observe it and confess to themselves the existence of the peril. Any people worthy the fortunes of independent political existence will have the courage to accept a war of defense.

If the American people wish the Latin American republics to enter the war on the side of democracy it is because they know, from experience, that it is the only way individual national independence of the American republics can be preserved. It is the only way available at this time to make the Western Hemisphere forever a safe place for democratic government and institutions; and the safety of the separate nations is closely and vitally bound to the idea of safety for the Hemisphere.

The people of Central and South America do not as a unit realize their present peril. But the best way to win their support in the war is to show them the true conditions; not to try to direct and coerce them.

Prof. Chapman correctly points out that the

Latin Americans have been and still are deeply interested in their domestic issues, problems and controversies. Information is what they will welcome most heartily. They should realize their relation to the world struggle and comprehend the great issues that transcend in importance all internal questions.

If the Prussian doctrine of brute force to supplant the law of nations and international practice is not repudiated and the rules of civilized justice made secure for all times as a result of this war, Latin American republics will face a dark future.

THE TRIBUNE has frequently urged the policy of Pan-American solidarity for the protection of the Western Hemisphere from any hostile attacks whatsoever. The basis for success of such a policy must be accurate and widespread information. The people of the southern republics should know more about the United States and we should know vastly more about them.

LABOR LEGISLATION.

The year drawing to a close has been one of the most notable in the history of modern development and adjustment of conditions relating to wage-earners. In a general way, and in the net result of all the changes that have transpired during the last eleven months, significant advantages have accrued to the wage-earner.

Perhaps the most important development of the year is the policy which the government has adopted with reference to a minimum wage for workers in industries turning out supplies for the government. This policy is based on the idea that a living wage should be the minimum. In the adjustment of disputes between organized labor and employers, the government mediators have gone into the question of living conditions and costs as thoroughly as time and facilities would permit. They have given special consideration to the changes in living costs due to the influences of the war. Assuming that the data regarding living costs were correct, the wage scale prescribed by the mediators have been almost uniformly just, so far as the workers are concerned.

While the government has not been called upon to intervene in any but controversies between organized laborers and operators of industries in which the government is interested, the influence of the various adjustments is certain to be felt in other lines of business and in favor of the unorganized workers. Some establishments have been hurt by the government policy, because, not having any government contracts to fill, they could not receive any help from the government in adjusting wage schedules upward. But there is now a tendency toward general recognition of the relation between living costs and the minimum wage, and the adoption of the rule imposed on producers of government material by concerns turning out products for general peace use is going on as rapidly as an increase in the price of products can be made effective. The consuming public, which must pay all these costs, apparently endorses the procedure, for there has been heard no popular complaint against it.

In the monthly bulletin of the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics for November appears an exhaustive survey of labor legislation and court decisions during the year. Five States have joined the ranks of those which substitute compensation remedies for civil suits in case of injury to employees. These are New Mexico, Delaware, Utah, Idaho and South Dakota.

This makes thirty-seven States that have compensation laws, besides the Territories of Alaska and Hawaii and the island possession of Porto Rico. Twenty-four laws were amended and two States passed supplemental laws, and in practically every case the tendency was to enlarge the scope of the laws and to liberalize their provisions.

Among the more important changes was that of the California law, which was broadened to cover occupational diseases. The changes as to coverage of industries and as to benefits were numerous, but were generally in the direction of enlargement.

Amendments were voted including medical and surgical aid and funeral expenses in many compensation laws which did not include these features. In each of the new laws enacted this year is contained a schedule providing compensation for specific periods or in specified amounts for specific injuries causing permanent partial disability. This would seem to express a growing disposition to make benefits a matter of statutory enactment rather than to be fixed in the discretion of an executive bureau.

At the last session of Congress a law was passed admitting persons employed in maritime commerce to the benefits of the compensation laws of the respective States in which they may suffer injury at their employment. The courts had ruled that such persons, being under the jurisdiction of the admiralty laws, could not obtain such benefits.

The record of the present year should be particularly gratifying to wage-earners of all classes, and it is also to be observed that the business of the country is adjusting itself to the new laws and systems with greater ease and a larger measure of satisfaction than was anticipated a decade ago.

"Peace was not mentioned at the Inter-Allied conference in Paris," Colgate House, chairman of the American delegation. This indicates that the members were mindful of what was not the business of a war conference.

Norway has lost 5000 sailors during the war as a result of submarine piracy on merchant ships. This shows part of the cost and ineffectiveness of merely protesting to the German government.

CNOTE AND COMMENT

Another example of how it is working is afforded by the application of a hardware solicitor for compensating insurance because he was poisoned by poison oak while soliciting in the country. The hardware store in which poison oak is acquired is one that must be truly rural, indeed.

The service flag of the United States Steel Corporation beats them all. It bears 11,490 stars. The large number of men who have gone from it into the war indicates what an immense concern it is.

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A reassuring piece of news is that to the effect that baked-bean cans have been authorized by the Food Administration to resume work. It may not have been generally understood that they had knocked off, but anyhow it is a satisfaction to know that they may proceed.

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A despatch is to the effect that the Austrian war minister is for disarmament. Well, there is nobody holding him—unless it may be the Huns.

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It is believed the Bolsheviks aim is to establish a despotism and perhaps the restoration of the czar, in the opinion of the Petrograd correspondent of the London Post. At this distance it is becoming more and more difficult to predict what will happen in Russia.

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A Santa Rosa magistrate rules that a canine has the same right to life and the pursuit of happiness as a human. There is likely to be a query as to what he means—pursuit of happiness? Some of the things that make a dog happy do not add to the joy of humans.

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There is no demand from any considerable body of citizens for the postponement in building the estuary bridge. On the contrary, there is a greater urge than ever, because of interests established and projected on the estuary, for speeding up the project. Prospective work on the naval base is an especial reason why there should be no further delay.

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Any proposition to sell Siberia to the United States is not timely. This government can't listen too any proposal of that kind till it has succeeded in making the territory it already possesses safe and comfortable.

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The graceful acquiescence of the other communities in the report of the commission in favor of the Alameda site for a naval base means that no time will be lost in a wrangle to get it switched somewhere else.

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The Santa Ana Blade wants to know what they are there for: "The postoffice department has dismissed office postmen in the last 12 weeks for kissing women official employees. What, then, is the use of being a postmaster?"

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The Colusa Sun takes account of the capture of the Holy City: "Jerusalem restored to Christian control will carry some blessings to those down-trodden people again. Fifty thousand people there are destitute. Human hearts everywhere are awakening as they should to the unhappy condition."

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Ungallant animadversion by the San Diego Union: "Of all the fishing smacks on San Diego bay an ancient one named Beauty is probably the least beautiful. Many of the much handsomer craft bear much less pretentious name. The same frequently applies to women."

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SPIRIT OF THE STATE PRESS

Just think, with the alcoholic content of beer to be reduced by government proclamation to 2% per cent only three-quarters of one per cent stands between beer and the entire types of near-beer, which are allowed two per cent alcohol. Both "authority" and "personal liberty" are thus shrunk to the small measure of three-fourths of one per cent—Fresno Republican.

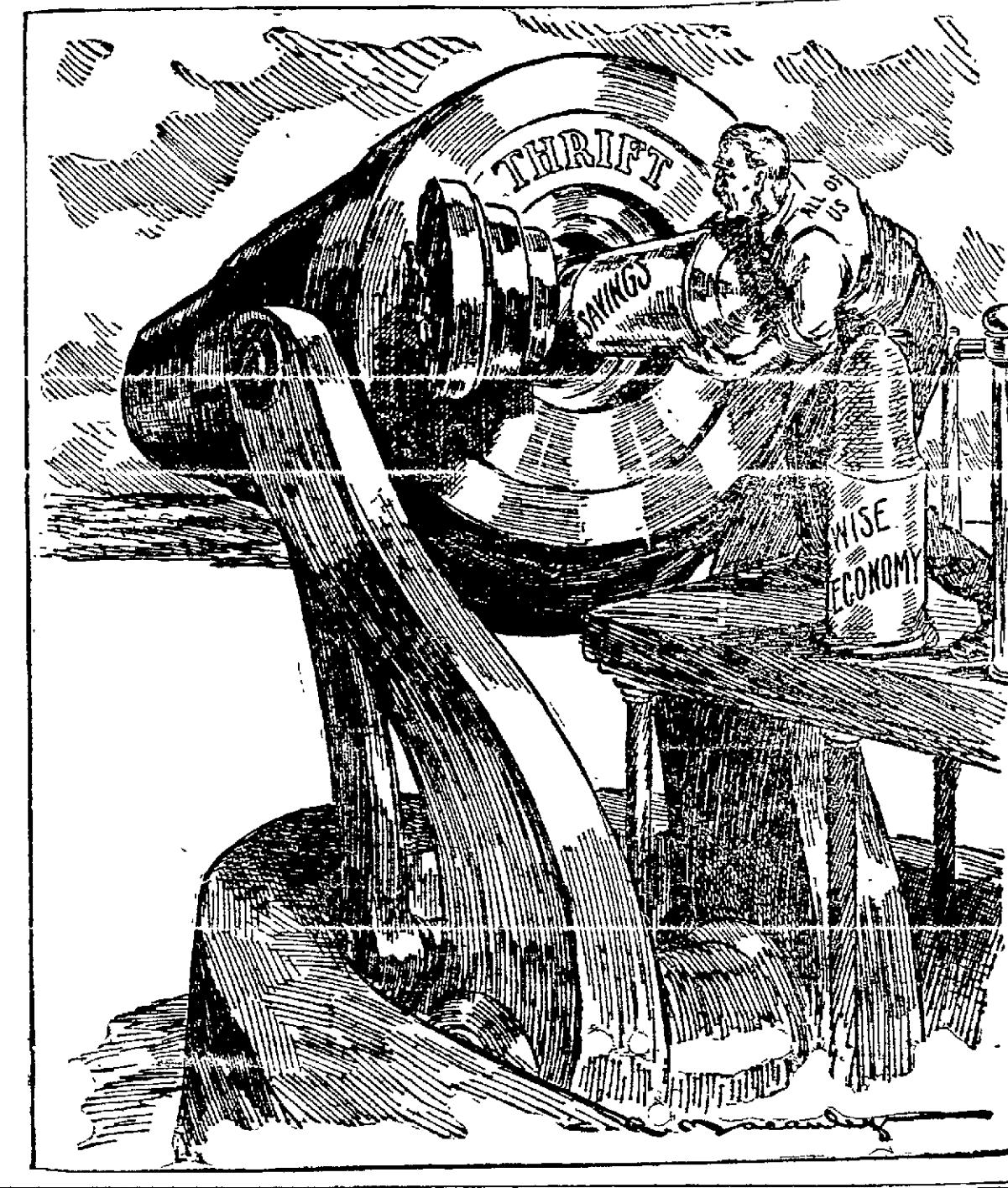
The manager of a leading hotel of this city was asked if patrons were given to pilfering while guests at the establishment, to which he replied: "No, but they are certainly given to stealing. I cannot understand why the majority of the traveling public are petty larcenists. I have had bedclothes, towels, soap, dishes, soap dishes and even pillows taken from the house, enough to stock a store during the past year, but I would be content if they would only take the soap, as that seems to be a practice with everybody."—San Jose Mercury-Herald.

The big F. E. Johnston ranch and cattle range of Berryessa Valley was sold this week to a company of Nevada cattlemen. The purchase also includes 1500 head of Durham cattle and a band of pure-bred Shropshire sheep, together with the full ranch equipment. The company was incorporated at Reno and is known as the Berryessa Cattle Company.—Winters Express.

If we have potatoes enough for ourselves this winter and are able to export 200 cars, as the experts of the Producers' Association forecast, that suggests that the war brought us at least one benefit, for probably nothing else but the stress of wartime conditions could have persuaded land owners to plant 2700 acres to spuds last summer, paving the way for about 6500 acres in the spring. That is not only real conservation but real development.—San Bernardino Sun.

There is an efficiency man in San Diego who carries his profession to excess. He has a girl who lives in Los Angeles. He visits her every Sunday and writes every day. For want of a new topic the girl asked him in a recent communication if he really did like her eyes. In reply the e. m. replied: "Relying to your inquiry of even date, beg to refer you to my letter, Feb. 24, 1917, wherein the subject was treated exhaustively."—San Diego Union.

THE HOME BARAGE.—Shots That Will Reach Berlin



CHRISTMAS, 1917

This Christmas night might come portents to greet,
Might leave us faltering on unwilling feet
If war's watch-fire the only lode-star out
To save us from the rock rimmed ledge of doubt.

With thought, there rises consciousness sublime
That every graving on the page of time
Evincs method—an Eternal Plan.

That we, today, are marching in the van
Of column that were formed when Earth was young.

And first the bugle blast of war was rung;
We, now the leaders of that world-long line

Who tread the vintages of war's red wine,
Are willing workers for a destined end.

Participants in one unchanging trend
Toward one great goal. * * * Though, reeling, we behold

That lapse to raw barbarities of old.

We reckon this instant on Time's score,
One breath upon a mirror's plate—no more.

From hoarded love of time-observe taught,
We vision high perfection slowly wrought

By arvil-strokes. * * * In that belief secure,
We march content to struggle and endure,

While, through black shadows of impending night,
Faith flares her signals leading us aright.

—CLAUDIUS THAYER.

TODAY 20 YEARS AGO

"AT THE POINT OF COLLAPSE."

The new city directory gave Oakland and Emeryville a joint population of 100,000 persons.

Phil M. Walsh became proprietor of the Oakland "Sun."

Local literary colony mourned the death of Alphonse Daudet, which occurred in Paris on this date.

Robert Peel,

FRUITVALE NATIVES ARE LOCAL HOPE IN WINTER RACE

PERCY AND FERDIE--How Did These Pikers Escape the Draft, Anyway? - - By H. A. MacGILL

Creator of the Hall-Room Boys.



Red Powers' Youngsters Show Class

BENHAM HURS GREAT BALL AND IS GIVEN GOOD SUPPORT, DESPITE THE RAINY FIELD.

By CARL E. BRAZIER.
Pick the Fruitvale Natives as about the only hope of an Oakland team crowding out the Pittsburg and Crockett clubs from first honors in the Class A race of the East Bay Cities' Mid-Winter Base-ball League!

That's about the only logical conclusion that a winter league fan can draw now, with the Class A race past the half way mark and the Fruitvale Natives having made the best showing of any of the local teams. Red Powers turned his gang of youngsters loose in a rain-storm yesterday and they played circles about Cliff Blankenship's Maryland Bowlers for a 10 to 0 victory. Powers' team had been winning game, but it wasn't. Neither the steady drizzle of rain nor the one-sided score could make it uninteresting, for the spirit of those youngsters was good to see—and Bill Beard's pitching contortions on the mound for the last three frames helped a lot.

Beard and the Maryland boys took the lead in the ninth in the last three frames, but that does not wipe out the fact that the Fruitvale squad had them to a post all the way. For the Maryland outfit was trying hard all the way through, and the game was not earn a lot of undesirable remarks for Ping Bodie. Porky was mistaken by many of the fans for Ping, who had failed to show up, and when Porky loaded on the bases, the crowd cheered him on towards the end of the game, many of the fans said a lot of things about how Ping could hold a big league job.

Arie Benham hurls the hazing for Fruitvale, and he did a real job, but had everything needed, and allowed only three scattered hits, and not a Maryland player went farther than second. Benham issued only one walk and the two errors behind him got him out, there was less than \$6 to split between the two teams. Each player received two bits as his share.

SCHALLER IN MIXUP.

Right fielder is where the trouble started for the Natives to quit. Martin threw to Coddington in trying to pick Schaller off third, but the ball got away when Schaller and Coddington collided. The ball went up and Martin got on the field and started a run of the ball just about the time that Schaller headed out for home. They bumped one another in the excitement. The ball was in the last hole of the fifth inning, after the Natives had gained a two run lead with some heavy bombing of Bill Stearns' shots, that the trouble began. Schaller didn't get the ball at his glove, and went to third on double to leftfield by Gold. With Stearns next at bat, the Pittsburg team charged for the bases, and the ball was quieted there for a few minutes by out-guessing the Detroit catcher with strikes. Cohn was hit on the head by one of Stearns' shots, to full the bags. Stearns scored up and the more popular Whittier let an easy fly slip through his glove before he got wise to the best approved system of playing in the mud. Later in the game, Schaller dropped a single to right and Garber homered out at first, but Justin Fitzgerald stuck and dropped the ball. Jackson hit a double in the first frame. Beard had a great relief, and Wilson poked one just back of short for safety in the eighth. These three hits, a walk, the two errors, and a forceout accounted for the seven Maryland runs.

The Fruitvale boys had no such difficulties with Babe Mentre, however. His support fell down on him several times and he did not have the control with the wet ball that he had. In the second, Whittier singled, moved up on Ledges' 2nd and went to third when Beard poked off first on Whitier's grounder. Whitier was thrown out, but Dooley scored on a perfect pick-off. The Natives scored three runs in the next three runs for the inning before Bill Beard went to the rescue. But Bill Beard went out of the ball and put over the second run. Then Bill Beard motioned to make a joke of it, and he had a lot of fun.

DUTCH HOLSTRUM AND GUGGIE SMITH WILL SOON BE IN KHAKI.

The winter league is likely to lose two of its star players in the near future, and the Oakland Native Sons and the Southern Pacific will be the chief sufferers. The players are Dutch Holstrum and Guggie Smith, captain of the Southern Pacific.

Holstrum yesterday gave out the information that he and Guggie had offered their services to Uncle Sam, and will be sent to the front. Guggie has not yet received a vaccination, but he wouldn't let that keep him out of the game yesterday, although it was giving him some trouble. If Holstrum can hit 'em for Uncle Sam like he has for the Natives, he will look sweet in a khaki uniform.

Soccer League

OCEAN SHORE TROUBLES is Burns 1; at Col. Olympics 4, Bances 2; at Penn 1; Mayrose Iron Works 1; Celites 1; at Pittsburg and San Pablo-Barbarians 4. Argonauts 1.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS.

P. W. L. Dr. Fox Jr., President.

Argonauts 12 6 12 28 12 29

Barbarians 12 6 12 28 12 29

Bances 12 4 4 18 17 12

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Standing of Winter League Clubs

CLASS A	CLASS B
Won. Lost. Pet.	Won. Lost. Pet.
Columbia Steel 5 0 1000	Melrose Merchants 4 1 800
Crockett 5 0 .823	Maxwell Hardware 4 2 .867
Fruitvale Natives 3 3 .500	Alameda Merchants 3 2 .500
Maxwell Hardware 3 3 .500	Santa Fe Improvers 3 3 .500
Mountain Bowlers 3 3 .500	Crystal Laundry 2 4 .333
Oakland Natives 3 4 .429	Vit's Grays 1 4 .200
Southern Pacifics 1 5 .166	
Alameda 0 6 .000	

RESULTS YESTERDAY.

Santa Fe Improvers, 5; Alameda Merchants, 2.

Melrose-Vit's Grays: postponed (train).

Crystal Laundry-Maxwell: postponed (train).

GAMES NEXT SUNDAY.

Santa Fe Improvers vs. Melrose at Melrose.

Vit's Grays vs. Maxwell Hardware at Hawthorne.

Alameda Merchants vs. Crystal Laundry at Bay View.

Billy Lane and Hack Miller to Quit Baseball

TWO MORE 1917 OAKS IN RANKS OF THOSE WHO WILL NOT BE IN 1918 UNIFORMS.

Where is the 1918 Oakland Coast League ball club coming from? That's the question that is likely to crop up in the big news of the next few weeks. For Billy Lane and Hack Miller have joined the ranks of the 1917 Oaks who will not be with the squad next season. Rod Murphy has joined the marines, Carl Mitze has been released, and Rube Gardner has announced that he is through with professional baseball. Of those who are left, Roxy Middleton, Speed Martin and Bill Prough are likely to be in demand for big league clubs with the present indications showing a big shortage in playing talent for a big brush.

Both Lane and Hack Miller are telling their friends that they are through with professional baseball. On account of war conditions they foresee tough pickings for next year and they have declared that their baseball activities will be confined to independent baseball for Saturdays and Sundays. Lane and Miller are married and each has a good job. They figure that next summer a regular job is going to be more reassuring than a baseball contract. There has been talk of Lane going up to the big brush next year, but even this does not make him hesitate in declaring that he is through with professional baseball.

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Because Umpire Lattimer at Pittsburgh gave a questionable decision at third base, what might have cost them the ball game, and the loss of the Pittsburgh team 2 to 1 to the Oakland Parlor of Native Sons team refused to take the field and the game was forfeited to Pittsburgh by Umpire Lattimer on a "no show" morning, which is to be held at Jerry Lawler's Arrival Clubrooms, there promises to be plenty of excitement.

The question is whether Umpire Lattimer is right or wrong, and that three basemen, Paul Coddington, interfered with Bill Schaller scoring, and in overruled the decision of Umpire Smith, who had called Schaller out after he had been told that he was safe by his manager. It was in the last hole of the fifth inning, after the Natives had gained a two run lead with some heavy bombing of Bill Stearns' shots, that the trouble began. Schaller didn't get the ball at his glove, and went to third on double to leftfield by Gold. With Stearns next at bat, the Pittsburgh team charged for the bases, and the ball was quieted there for a few minutes by out-guessing the Detroit catcher with strikes. Cohn was hit on the head by one of Stearns' shots, to full the bags. Stearns scored up and the more popular Whittier let an easy fly slip through his glove before he got wise to the best approved system of playing in the mud.

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PRICES DECLINE
ON WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Selling of stocks was renewed today on further discoveries home and foreign developments. Extreme losses in active issues ranged from 2 to 6 points. Sales approximated 425,000 shares.

FOREIGNING—There was a steady tone at the opening. Steel common rose ½ to 5½ and Bethlehem Steel "B" rose 7-8 to 67¾. Interborough preferred declined 1½ to 39¾ and American Telephone and Telegraph dropped 1½ to 35¾. Standard Oil fell 1½ to 117½. Pittsburgh Coal yielded 7-8 to 39-7. Union Pacific declined one point to 105½ and Canadian Pacific dropped 1½ to 128. Norfolk and Western dropped two points to 124 and Southern held its Liberty 3½ and 4½ to 98-90 while the 4½ were up 1½ to 97-44 to 97-16.

FORENOON—The show of strength at the opening was followed by a quiet trading which caused some slight declinations. The most importance was attached to the selling of Liberty Bonds, the 4s carrying the price to a low of 94-16. Texas Company after opening at 124-14, Consolidated Gas declined 1-14 to 77-14; American Telephone, Western Union and Interborough preferred all dropped one point.

AT 12 NOON—Lower prices were registered. Steel made an extreme reaction of 2½ points at 80½; rails and equipments increased their losses by 1 to 3 points and Liberty 4s repeated their minimum.

CLOSING—Foremost rails and industrials rallied 1 to 1½ points in the last hour and a few securities also recovered. The closing was irregular. Liberty 4s held at 97-16 to 97-16 and the 3½s at 98-46 to 98-30.

CLOSING NEW YORK
BID AND ASKED

The following quotations of prices of stocks and bonds on the New York Stock Exchange, New York Curb and Boston Stock Exchange are from E. F. Hutton & Co., pillars, now known as the Hutton Company, with offices in the St. Mark hotel, Twelfth and Franklin streets, Boston.

Sold Stocks. High Low.

Air. Chemical	2	1
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Allis Chalmers	15½	15
Allis Chalmers pf	60	55
Am. Can Co pf	90	82
Am. Car & Foundry	61½	62
Am. Can Sugar	20	19
Am. Can. & Foundry pf	19	18
Am. Lineded pf	24	23½
Am. Malt	69	68
Am. Cotton Oil	22	21½
Am. Hide & Leather	11½	11
Am. Hide & Leather pf	45½	45
Am. Steel Foundry	52	52
Am. Shelters	68	68
Am. Sugar	92	92
Am. Zinc	20	19
Anacoda	55½	54
Archibald	100	98
Art. & T. S.	95	95
Battie & Superior	13½	13½
Baldwin Locomotives	63	61
Baltimore & Ohio	13½	13½
Baltimore & Ohio R.	13½	13½
B. & T.	37½	37
Canadian Steel	47½	45½
Canadian Petroleum	10½	10½
Cal Petroleum pf	22½	22
Canadian Pacific	120	120
Central Leather	60½	59
Central Leather pf	59	58
China Copper	38	37½
C. & N. W.	57	56
Cole Fuel & Iron	32½	30½
Cole Corp.	13½	13½
Colo. Southern	43	42
Colorado Nat'l pf	43	42
Con. Gas	79	78½
Conn. Edison	20½	20½
Conn. Products pf	20	19
Cuba Cane	27	26
C. & I. Cane pf	75	74½
C. & I. C. & Hudson	14½	14
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HAMILTON SEATED AS SUPERVISOR

Porkless Saturday
Removes Ice Cream
Ban on Thursday

Ice creamless Thursday has been abolished, was the announcement made at the federal food administration offices here today, and provision made for the substitution of a porkless Saturday. Ice creamless Thursday was inaugurated to conserve butter fats, but the government has found it expedient to substitute pork fat. The order was made effective today.

A prohibition of water sherberts in California is expected to be made by Federal Food Commissioner Merritt to conserve sugar which is so largely used in the manufacture of sherbet. This order is already effective in the eastern and middle western States.

POLICE CORPORAL DOWNED BY AUTO

Police Corporal Thomas O'Neill was badly bruised and James O'Rourke of 1010 Grayson street, Berkeley, had a narrow escape from death early this morning when a small automobile, driven by William Chalmers ran them down at Eighth and Broadway. Chalmers was taken to the city prison where he is being held under three charges, driving an auto while infested, carrying no lights and battery. Corporal O'Neill was taken to the Emergency hospital, where he was treated for bruises and lacerations but O'Rourke, who was run over and who was dragged from beneath the car was able to proceed home without assistance.

According to the police report Corporal O'Neill had stepped from the curb for the purpose of accosting Chalmers who is said to have carried no headlights. O'Rourke was passing at the side of the police corporal and the auto, instead of stopping turned directly into the two men. Both were thrown to the ground and the front wheels passed over O'Rourke. He had to be assisted from beneath the auto.

When Chalmers was searched at the city prison it was found that he carried no registration card and this matter will be investigated.

INJURED IN SLEEP.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—A victim of somnambulism, C. E. McGovern, 147 Cook street, walked out of a second story window this morning and was taken to the Park emergency hospital, suffering from internal injuries which may cause his death.

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GALE WILL BLOW RAIN TO OAKLAND

Several lumber steamers en route down the coast to Oakland, have been laid up, and high seas are keeping vessels in northern ports, as the result of a heavy coastal gale that is raging along the north Pacific coast, the wind reaching a velocity of 60 miles an hour. The storm is believed to have blown more rain toward this portion of the state.

The gale is blowing along the Northern California, Washington and Oregon coast. At Aberdeen five inches of rain fell up to this morning, streams reaching the flood stage in the neighborhood. The Chehalis river is heavily swollen. Wires have been blown down in the Northwest by the heavy winds.

There is a lack of rain indicated by the showers of yesterday and last night, but the weather forecast calls for further precipitation. It is believed that the Northwestern storm will move its way southward in the next few days.

At Astoria the schooners Suzanne, May and Anvil are barreling, the Anvil having put to sea and then forced back to port at the mouth of the Columbia river. The steamer Michaels was there when driven by the heavy seas, one passenger, Mrs. J. Simons of Long Beach, being hurled across the deck and badly bruised. Scott of the Golden Gate heard for hung

Yesterdays local rain was very slight. Farmers declare that a good precipitation now would be worth \$10,000,000 to the state's agricultural industries, as it is necessary to force the winter wheat and any crops that should be planted now. Yesterday's showers ranged from the Sacramento valley south to Santa Cruz. There was no rain in the San Joaquin valley.

BRYAN NOT ASKED TO RESIGN: WILSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Prompted by implications contained in a book that has come to his attention, President Wilson this afternoon specifically denied the resignation of William J. Bryan as Secretary of State was at the request of the President.

In a letter addressed to the former secretary, made public at the White House, the President further made it clear that he did not believe Bryan's conversation with former Austrian Ambassador Dumba were responsible for the misinterpretation placed upon the first Lusitania note in Berlin.

The President's letter was as follows:

"My dear Mr. Bryan:
... In the book which the author states by you implication that I demanded your resignation as secretary of state because of language used by you in an interview with Ambassador Dumba soon after the first Lusitania note. You may quote me as saying that I did not ask for your resignation or desire it, as one can learn from my note accepting your resignation. And this statement ought also to be a sufficient answer to the criticism of you based on the Dumba interview, for I could not make it if I thought you responsible for the misinterpretation when, within a few days, it was brought to your attention. It could not have affected the diplomatic situation."

What is doing TO-NIGHT.

Pittsburg Soc. and Imp. Club, 7227 E. 14th St., 8:15 p. m.
Liberty Boys Committee meets, Judge Samuels' courtroom, City Hall.
Y. M. C. A. holds benefit turkey whist party, Institute Hall, Alameda.
Christmas entertainment, Hillside Club, Berkeley.
Rebekahs give Christmas tree and party at Oro Hall.
Piedmont Lodge of Foresters hold turkey dinner party, Grotto's Hall.
Auditorium-Ysaye winds concert.
Orpheum—Four Husbands.
Panthere—The Rigoletto Brothers.
Bishop—The Calling of Dan Matthews.
Columbia—Jim Foy.
Hippodrome—Paul Byron.
T. D. Vivian Martin in Molly Entangled.
American—Harold Lockwood in The Square Deceiver.
Kinney—Douglas Fairbanks.
Foothill—William Desmond in The Student Gentleman.
Broadway—Flirting with Death.
Lake Merritt—Boating.
West Oakland Taxpayers and Business Men's Association meets, Prescott school, 8 p. m.

What is doing TO-MORROW.

Civil Service Board meets, City Hall, evening.
Merchants' Exchange meets, evening.
Art Exhibit, Auditorium.
Alendale Central Imp. Club, Mutual Hall, evening.
Home Economics Club, Claremont School, 3 p. m.
Encinala Club holds pageant, Porter School auditorium, Alameda, evening.
Music recital, College hall, Mills College, 4:30 p. m.
Moore's entertain orphan children. Orpheum, afternoon.
Elks give dance, Auditorium ballroom, evening.
Live Oak Circle, No. 57 meets Carpenter Hall, evening.
Annie Mizzi Miller, editor of "The Master Mind," to speak at Hotel Oakland at 3 p. m.

TEACHERS ELECT

Howard E. Pratt was re-elected president of the Alameda County Music Teachers' Association yesterday afternoon at the annual business meeting of the organization. Other officers chosen for the ensuing year were: Mabel Sherbourne West, vice-president; Gerard Tallyandier, secretary; Marion Nash, treasurer; Mrs. R. E. Fitch, Mrs. W. W. Footman, and Charles Mallory Dutton, directors. Saturday, December 29, was set as the day for the annual conference of music teachers of Northern California.

BOY SCOUT CAMP

Oakland's Boy Scouts are to have a permanent camp. Permission was granted today by the San Francisco-Oakland Terminal Railroad Company to use Point Mugu Canyon for the Scouts, who are shortly to hold their three days' Christmas vacation camp. Six tent houses with bunks are being fitted up and food and lodging will be provided free for the 100 boys who attend camp and help clear the brush for a site for the spring camp.

OIL TANKER, SCHOONER IN COLLISION

Misfortune followed the Standard Oil Tanker J. K. Moffit, recently damaged in an explosion at Richmond, when the vessel, newly repaired, and on its first trip since the disaster, ran into the steam schooner Newburg, owned by the Richardson Company of San Francisco, thirty miles from Point Reyes, today.

Wireless reports from Captain Smith of the tanker state that the Richardson boat, a 100-ton vessel, was worse damaged than the larger vessel.

The Moffit, one of the biggest oil tankers, was en route to the north with a cargo. It was damaged in Richmond when oil in the tanks exploded, killing two men. No details of the accident were received in the wirelessed report. The collision took place, it is believed, in the heavy fog that is hanging off Point Reyes.

Who wants to give a Christmas party to some youngsters?

A Christmas party with turkey and everything else?

Who wants to give one?

All that is needed is good will and the price of the turkey and potatoes and some pie and pudding and whatever goes with turkey. A Good Fellow who is also a Good Cook, and who has an oven and

oven youngst

A good-sized dining room has offered to co-operate by cooking the turkey, and preparing the spread and waiting on table. She will give the use of her home, her oven, her dining room and her own services if two or three Good Fellows want to pay for the turkey and want to go on and bring in some youngsters to eat the festivites. Where are all the Good Fellows? Who wants to see some fun, some kiddies singing up a big turkey and having a real Christmas party? The answer must be quick for Christmas is just a week and a day away.

No more letters to Santa Claus can be received by the Blue Bird Bureau, OAKLAND TRIBUNE, from any promise of reaching a Good Fellow.

and being answered on Christmas Day.

There are a stack of letters already in the files, and it will be all the Good Fellows can do to clear them out. We do not want any child who has written to suffer disappointment, so we have asked the older pictures for the youngsters' party. The children who will be guests are being invited through the TRIBUNE. The Blue Bird Bureau, the Associated Charities and those from several of the children's homes and orphans' homes will also be guests. Children in families which have been helped by the Blue Bird Bureau may call at the bureau and receive tickets.

A letter was received a few days ago asking if the Blue Bird Bureau was connected with the Associated Charities, and also if the Associated Charities limited its assistance to those in need to adherents to any particular religious creed.

The answer to the first question is that the Blue Bird Bureau is not connected with the Associated Charities.

It is a bureau conducted solely by the OAKLAND TRIBUNE. The Blue Bird glad

co-operates with the Associated Charities and other agencies for the betterment of conditions and the assistance of those in need. It frequently consults with the Associated Charities workers in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, that the work of helping those in need may not be duplicated.

The Blue Bird Bureau also co-operates with the city nurses, the school nurses, the Society for the Prevention of Tuberculosis, the Mothers' clubs, and all other welfare agencies. It is a clearing house and a publicity agency for the good will of the community.

The answer to the second question is that the interpretation is wholly non-sectarian. It receives assistance from people of all religions and denominations, and aids people in need irrespective of their creeds. It administers county aid as a public agency, and in this work also cannot and does not limit its benefactions to persons of one denomination, nor withhold it from those of any other.

The delay was caused through a disposition to await a ruling from Albert E. Schwabacher, state fuel administrator. Electricity in California is practically all generated by hydroelectric power, hence cutting out city lights would have no effect on the fuel situation. In the East and Middle West electricity is generated by steam power.

ENLARGE SCHOOL

Plans for the enlargement of the ground school for army aviators in Berkeley are under way, according to word received by local army officers, and plans are now being drawn for the selection of proper students.

Already two buildings have been added and barracks and a mess hall have been installed. Heretofore the weekly classes have been 100, but it is expected that 400 can be handled with the new facilities planned.

While no enlistments of men of draft age can be taken under the new order, it is believed that many men will apply to men willing to sign up for service before their call comes, and thus choose

the aviation school.

OFFICIAL DENIAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Under date of December 14 the Japanese government transmitted to the State Department to-day an official denial that Japanese troops have occupied Vladivostok.

I HEREBY PROMISE

If you will be a Good Fellow at Christmas, wishful to bring joy to some child who would otherwise suffer disappointment and heartache in being forgotten, fill out the attached blank and either bring or mail it to the Blue Bird Bureau, OAKLAND TRIBUNE. It is for you to decide how many children you can make happy, and in what way you can do it best.

I will be Santa Claus to children (state number you wish to care for). Kindly send me names and ages of children

In (State district in which you can work best).

(Name) _____ Street Avenue _____ (City)

For all the family all the year.

George J. Croll, assistant processor for the Alameda county exhibit, was granted a two weeks' leave of absence from December 16.

DR. A. M. SMITH CHOSSEN HEAD OF INFIRMARY

On the recommendation of the County Institutions Commission, Dr. Arthur M. Smith was named by the Supervisors to-day as temporary superintendent of the county infirmary at a salary of \$2000 per annum without maintenance. Dr. R. J. Cary, who has been acting superintendent since the departure of Dr. C. A. Wills, will now devote all his time to the duties of superintendent of the tuberculosis sanatorium near Livermore.

The recommendation that W. H. Stuart be appointed to fill the place of S. H. Thompson, resigned, was carried out by the unanimous adoption of a resolution.

Stuart will have the title of assistant to the superintendent of the county infirmary, assistant to the superintendent of the tuberculosis sanatorium, and will receive a salary of \$1800 per annum without maintenance.

"Arroyo Sanatorium" was adopted as the official designation of the tuberculosis hospital by resolution. For the construction of a water plant for the institution, one bid was received from J. N. Ough of 1201 East Twelfth street who named \$3700 as the price of the work. The proposal was referred to the committee of the whole.

The Christmas membership drive of the American Red Cross was warmly endorsed by the Board in a resolution introduced by Supervisor John F. Mullins.

The board promised its hearty co-operation concerning the Associated Charities in the campaign.

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OWL CARS CRASH

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Haight street owl cars were in a collision at Lyon street early this morning due to a fog and wet roads. P. J. Flynn, 326 Frederick, was badly injured by flying glass and taken to the Paris emergency hospital, where it was said the loss of his sight was probable. Mrs. Mary Cohen, 138 Downey, was removed to the St. Francis hospital suffering from hysteria.

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CHOSEN DIRECTORS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—A. E. C. Dohrmann of San Francisco and J. E. Fishburn of Los Angeles have been elected directors of the Twelfth District Federal Reserve Bank for three-year terms, beginning January 1.

For all the family all the year.

Christmas C.

The Curtain Store 520 THIRTEENTH ST.

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